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Governor's Watershed Initiative Take Pride in Utah Day

State Natural Resources Director Promotes Watershed Improvement in Cottonwood Wash During Take Pride in Utah Day

Today, as part of the Governor's Watershed Initiative and the Adopt-A-Waterbody program, Utah Department of Natural Resources Director Bob Morgan planted seedlings with local volunteers at Cottonwood Wash watershed about 10 miles west of Blanding, Utah. The project reflects a continuing effort to restore the watershed and close dangerous abandoned mines in a historic uranium mining district.

Morgan also presented the Governor's Watershed Improvement Awards to the five local groups involved in the project, which is led by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

This project and many others throughout the state are part of Governor Walker's goal to improve watersheds and watershed awareness in Utah.

"Governor Walker has made watershed improvements one of the key initiatives of her administration because they provide many of the basic needs of life itself," Morgan said.

Goals of the Governor's Watershed Initiative are to improve 25 watersheds throughout the state, provide watershed education in schools and increase awareness about the importance of watersheds to all Utahns.

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"It is my goal to provide for cleaner rivers and lakes, to enhance water yield, and to increase public

awareness and wise use of Utah's watersheds," said Utah Governor, Olene S. Walker. "Watersheds are important to all Utahns because they provide the life-giving supply of water that grows our food and provides for our needs," she added.

The Governor is calling on individual volunteers, families and organizations to get involved by adopting a waterbody.

"We've set a lofty goal to take care of these vast areas, but together I know we can meet it. Our watersheds are our life sheds," Walker added.

More information about the Governor's Watershed Initiative and the Adopt-A-Waterbody program is available on the Web at <http://adoptawaterbody.utah.gov>.

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